

# **BREED CODE: DRL – DEVON REX LONGHAIR**

## **GENERAL TYPE STANDARD**

The Devon Rex Longhair is a breed of unique appearance. It is a semi-longhaired breed of medium size and medium fine build with a unique head type which displays a short, broad wedge, with prominent cheekbones. Large, low set, very wide based ears and large, oval eyes set on a slant with a mischievous expression give the breed its 'pixie' face. The shaggy, dense coat, which is soft in texture, has a distinctive wave or curl especially over the back and sides. Allowances may be made for lack of full coat development in kittens with very good type over fully coated ones exhibiting lesser type. The cat should be of medium size and in excellent physical condition. Males are generally larger than females.

### **Head**

The head is to be a broad modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with widely spaced prominent cheekbones, a short, well-defined muzzle with prominent whisker pads and definite whisker break.

In the front view, the wedge is characterised by a widening series of three distinct convex curves; the whisker pads, the cheekbones, and the lower part of the outer ear. In profile the nose is short and broad with a strongly marked stop; the forehead curves back to a flat skull. The firm chin is of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.

Allowance to be made for stud jowls in the adult male.

### **Eyes**

Large, oval-shaped, and slanting towards the outer edges of the ears. Set wide apart in harmony with the broad cheekbones.

The eye colour shall be in keeping with the coat colour, including colour restricted varieties (pointed - blue, mink – aqua, sepia - yellow to gold).

### **Ears**

Large, low-set, wide at the base, tapering to rounded tips. Well covered with fine fur, with furnishings, and may have tufts. The base of the ears have distinctive ear muffs covered with shaggy fur.

### **Neck**

Neck slender and medium in length.

### **Body**

Slender, hard, and muscular; of medium length and carried high on long slender legs. The chest is broad, firm, and rounded in profile.

**Legs** Long and slender with medium fine boning. Length of hind legs emphasised. Legs set on the body to give a bandy look, more noticeable in the front.

**Paws** Small and oval.

**Tail** Medium fine boning, long and tapering, well covered with medium length, shaggy, wavy fur.

**Coat**

**Length**

The coat is medium in length displaying a loose wave or curl. On the back, sides, upper legs, and tail the coat is of even length. It may be shorter on the head, ears, neck, paws, chest, and abdomen, and may be less wavy in these areas.

Kittens may have shorter fur but it must cover the kitten evenly so that no bare patches are evident.

Whiskers and eyebrows crinkled; rather coarse, of medium length and may sometimes be stubbly.

**Texture and Density**

The cat is well covered with fine, soft, and dense fur. The coat feels denser at the root and looser further away from the body due to the fineness of the hair. This creates a shaggy appearance.

The coat has the appearance of being without guard hairs. (A few short guard hairs are acceptable.)

Bare patches are a fault in kittens and a serious fault in adults; however the existence of down on the underparts of the body should not be misinterpreted as bareness. Sparse hair on the temples (forehead in front of the ears) is not a fault.

Preference is given to full covering of fur in exhibits of equivalent type.

**Waviness**

A shaggy wave should be apparent. This is more evident where the coat is the longest, on the body and tail.

Allowance should be made for lack of curl and length of coat in kittens.

**Colour/Pattern**

All coat colours and patterns are accepted.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head</b>	<b>35</b>
Size and shape.....	<b>10</b>
Muzzle.....	<b>5</b>
Profile and Chin .....	<b>5</b>
Eyes .....	<b>5</b>
Ears .....	<b>10</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>30</b>
Torso.....	<b>10</b>
Legs and Paws .....	<b>10</b>
Neck.....	<b>5</b>
Tail .....	<b>5</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>35</b>
Length.....	<b>10</b>
Texture and Density .....	<b>15</b>
Waviness .....	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Faults:**

1. A coat which is short, straight or too loosely waved.
2. Sparse patches in the coat (except in kittens).
3. Bare patches in the coat. \*
4. Cobby body.
5. Lack of firm muscle.
6. Narrow, long, or round head.
7. Incorrect eye shape.
8. Small or high set ears.
9. Excessively weak chin.
10. A short tail which detracts from overall balance.

**Withhold Challenge Certificate or First Place in Kitten Classes for:**

In addition to those in 'For the Guidance of Judges':

1. Extensive bareness. \*

2. Bare tail.
3. The presence of a significant number of guard hairs which affect the texture of the coat.
4. Weak hind legs.
5. Any evidence of illness or poor health.
6. A very short coat.

\* **Many Devon Rex Longhair cats have down on the under-parts. This should not be misinterpreted as bareness.**